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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: Meeting Between DCI and SFRC Chairman, Frank Church,
24 January 1979

The DCI, accompanied by the undersigned, met with Senator Church and Bill Bader, SFRC Majority Staff Director, for thirty minutes on 24 January. It was a get-acquainted meeting in which several interesting subjects came up: (U)

2. The Director then discussed his plans for testimony on SALT II, assuming the Treaty is concluded. He stated that he was going over his presentation and will be required to speak to the verifiability of a wide range of provisions. He told the Chairman he would like to confer with him informally at a future time to organize his presentation to the SFRC. Senator Church replied that as near as he could tell, the two difficult issues for the DCI would be:

- A. The overall adequacy of the verification question;
- B. Cheating scenarios.

At this point, Bill Bader intervened to say that the Committee views verification as central to their responsibilities and plans to hold four or five seminars during the month of February on critical aspects of SALT II, one of which would be verification, for which they would like a CIA presentation. (S)

3. Senator Church commented on the increasing number of security problems on the Hill. He gave as a for-instance Jim Hoagland's piece in last week's Washington Post which had a full account of a closed briefing of the SFRC on Iran which had taken place on Friday. Senator Church stated that when Hoagland called him, he already had the story and was asking the Chairman merely for comment and confirmation. (I interjected that this was the same experience that Chairman Lee Hamilton had with Bernie Gwertzman the previous day.) Senator Church felt that something would have to be done to remind Members of the sensitivity of these matters and to tighten up security procedures. He stated that the SFRC had always had leak problems but not to this extent, and he wondered if that could be attributed to the new Members

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5. DCI concluded by offering whatever services we could provide to the Committee and Chairman Church seemed to welcome a chance to establish a closer relationship with the CIA. Bill Bader chimed in to say that in the course of its hearings, the SFRC would be most interested in the assets available to the Intelligence Community for technical collection in support of a SALT II agreement and more importantly, the follow-on agreements, SALT III, etc. He indicated that CIA testimony might be needed to make this point before the Committee. (S)

6. Mr. Bader then asked the Director if he could get a weekly intelligence briefing to help him stay up to speed on matters of interest. The Director was non-committal. I believe this would be a very undesirable precedent. I believe we can satisfy Mr. Bader's needs through the NID and subject briefings as he requests them. This is especially important because there is now a minority staff on the SFRC. (C)

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